

AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

In the Claims

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) ~~The boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first part is A sports boot for a board for gliding, such as a snow board, or skating boot comprising a rigid core (1) comprising the reinforcement means and constituting, in certain zones, the inner face of the boot that receives a comfort liner, and the second part is;~~ an envelope (17) of flexible material covering at least partially the rigid core (1) and itself constituting the inner face of the boot in the zones where the rigid core is absent; and a reinforcement means (10, 11, 12, 13) at least partly formed by at least one frame (13) in synthetic material internally reinforced with mineral or synthetic fibers that are embedded in a matrix, and positioned at least partially between said rigid core and said envelope wherein said frame is partially covered by said envelope.
3. (Currently amended) The boot as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein the synthetic material of the frame is thermoplastic.
4. (Currently amended) The boot as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein the synthetic material of the frame is heat-moldable.
5. (Currently amended) The boot as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein the synthetic material of the frame is heat-curable.
6. (Currently amended) The boot as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein the fibers are in the form of textile layers.
7. (Previously Presented) The boot as claimed in claim 6, wherein the fibers are of carbon or KELVAR®, or glass fibers.
8. (Currently amended) The boot as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein the frame is formed by the combination of a number of textile layers of identical or different fibers.
9. (Original) The boot as claimed in claim 7, wherein the fibers are superposed or woven.

10. (Previously presented) The boot as claimed in claim 2, wherein the frame (13) is covered by the flexible envelope.

11. (Previously presented) The boot as claimed in claim 2, wherein the frame (13) is not at least partly covered by the flexible envelope (17).

12. (Currently amended) The boot as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein the frame (13) extends transversely under the rigid core, between heel and toe, and obliquely rearward, on each side the rigid core.

13. (Currently amended) The boot as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein the ~~first-part~~ rigid core (1) comprises the frame (13) extending above the heel and obliquely toward the bottom and the front of each side of the rigid core.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently amended) A sports boot for a board for gliding, such as a snow board, or skating boot comprising a ~~first-part rigid core (1) in a first material, and a second part constituting, in certain zones, the inner face of the boot that receives a comfort liner; an envelope (17) superposed on said first part and in a second material, of flexible material covering at least partially the rigid core (1) and itself constituting the inner face of the boot in the zones where the rigid core is absent;~~ and a reinforcement means (10, 11, 12, 13), wherein the reinforcement means are at least partly formed by at least one frame (13) comprising a thermoplastic or heat-curable matrix in synthetic material internally reinforced with mineral or synthetic fibers, and positioned at least partially between said ~~parts~~ rigid core and said envelope wherein said frame is partially covered by said envelope.

16. (Currently amended) The boot as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein the ~~first-part~~ rigid core is in injected plastic material, and the ~~second-part~~ envelope is in over-injected plastic material.